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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir whether any action has been taken against the author of the article mentioned in this answer?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—He has been asked to explain.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has he already submitted his explanation?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No.

Villages not visited by the Director of Public Health.

170. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number and names of villages which were not visited till now by the Director of Public Health after he took charge of the department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A list showing the villages is appended. (*Appendix III.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Over and above the 96 villages may I know whether the Director has visited any village to which there is no proper road or boat communication?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. All the other villages he has visited.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Of all the other villages is there any village to which there is no proper communication?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I should think that to every village in our State there is a road.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether every village has access to a car?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't know whether every village has access to a car. I think there is fairly good access to every village.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are the villages through which the car of the Director passed also included in the list of villages he has visited or only those villages which were visited by him for any purpose?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The villages he has not visited are included in Appendix III. All the other villages he has visited.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether the villages were visited for any special purpose or whether those villages were visited when he was passing through?

Rama Varnha Tampuran.—I think he visited for certain purposes.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether it is the practice of the Director to give previous intimation to the officers concerned?

Rama Varnha Tampuran.—That depends upon the particular business in hand. If it is a matter upon which no public opinion is to be taken he will not give notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know why he did not visit these 96 villages?

Rama Varnha Tampuran.—There are 275 villages in all. He is not to go and visit each and every village. There must be some business to be done. Perhaps, there might not have been any particular business to visit these 96 villages.

Acreage of lands cultivated under the guidance of the Agricultural Department.

171. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to supply information on the following points:—

(a) the acreage of paddy lands cultivated annually in the State during the last five years under the guidance of and in accordance with the instructions given by the Agricultural Department; and the net increase in the produce of lands so cultivated;

(b) the total acreage for the last 5 years of garden lands in the State planted with cocoanut or arecanut trees, under the guidance of and in accordance with the advice given by the Agricultural Department;

(c) the number of seed bulls maintained by the department during the last 5 years in any of the villages of the State?

Rama Varnha Tampuran.—(a) and (b). Figures are not available.

(c) Central Farm, Ollukkara	4 bulls.
Cocoanut station, Vyttila	1 „
Vadakkancheri	1 „
Mulanthuruthi	1 (in 1109.)

The department has also given grants for maintaining a bull each at Kattur, Pallipuram, Azhikode and Irinjalakkuda.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—With regard to (a) and (b) the answer is “figures are not available”. From this answer am I to understand that no such lands were cultivated under the guidance or according to the instructions of the Department?

Rama Varnha Tampuran.—We were not sure whether the member was referring to the Demonstration lands. If that is what the member has in view I shall give the figures. 10½ acres of paddy fields and 210 cocoanut trees in 1107. Now we have got 13½ acres of paddy fields and 210 trees.